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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7323

BILL NUMBER: SB 481

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School accreditation.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Kruse

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

Accreditation: This bill makes various changes to the administration of school accreditation:

State Board: The bill replaces the current probationary accreditation status with a not full accreditation status. It provides that the state board of education (state board) may apply sanctions to a school or school corporation that is not fully accredited.

Department of Education: The bill provides that the department of education (department) may conduct a review or onsite evaluation of a school to make a recommendation to the state board as to the accreditation status of that school. It specifies membership of review panels. It provides that upon review by a review panel, the review panel shall make a recommendation to the state board concerning the accreditation status of the school and, if applicable, certain recommendations for improvement that the school should consider. It provides that if a school or school corporation is assigned a not full accreditation status, the department shall provide assistance to that school or school corporation to achieve a full accreditation status.

School Corporation: The bill provides that if a school is assigned a not full accreditation status, the governing body of the school corporation shall develop a plan to raise the school's level of accreditation within one year. It provides that a school corporation assigned a not full accreditation status shall direct its efforts toward raising the level of accreditation of each of its schools that have a not full accreditation status to full accreditation status within one year. It provides an appeals process for a school corporation or school that is assigned a not full accreditation status. It provides that if a school is assigned a not full accreditation status,

the completion of the school improvement plan may involve parents, administrators, teachers, and other members of the community.

Freeway Schools: The bill eliminates the accreditation of freeway schools. It removes language that provides that a freeway school corporation is exempt from provisions relating to performance based accreditation and the ISTEP program.

Amendments: The bill also makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: June 30, 2013; July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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